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COMPOSITES AND SHIELD DEVICES EMPLOYING SAME

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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 20, 2004, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.